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SAFE HOME PAPA LOVE

JOAN

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141, Orrong Road,
Elsternwick. S4.
Vic.

Sunday: 29th August, 1954.

Darling Dad,

Enclosed the snaps of Mother. She looks so well and happy. I think she will be in Colombo to-morrow. How wish I could be there to welcome her when she gets home, but I will try to ring that night.

We are settling in the flat very happily and have acquired some furniture for the bedroom, about which I will tell in the family letter.

Went to hear Dame Sybil Thorndyke last night — English as

last night — a carbon copy of a letter to Mother on an aerogramme form. I hope it is decipherable. I hope to get to some serious letter writing on Sunday.

Meantime, darling, do please take great care of yourself, and I hope the shearing will not be too strenuous. Let the lad do the worrying, and you sheep sound o' nights.

Much love to my dear, dear Dad

from

his affectionate daughter,

Joanie.

Thanks for your letter. Will write when I get a chance

141, Onrona Road,
Elsternwick. S4.
Vic.

Tuesday: 21st September, 1954.

Dearest Family,

Thank you so much, Mary, for your so good letter, received last evening. The big moment of the day is looking in the letter box when we get home, and I certainly can't complain — I have a very fine average. To-night, just to even things up, we found two bills — gas and E.L. Gas is much better — £2.6.- for the month, & light 11/4d. We have been more sparing with the gas fire, which is the villain of the piece.

Before I go any further, I must thank Mother for the cigarettes and the Edinburgh Rock. There were so many things that I left them

141, Orrong Rod,
Elsternwick
S4 Vic.

Thursday: 28th October, 1954.

Darling Dad,

a brief note whilst forwarding a letter from Mother, which Marg sent on and I received this evening.

You should be packing up by now, but no mention in home letters of the date. I shall be glad when you do — it is too far away and time you had some leisure.

You will be glad to know that I still get up betimes in the morning and am at work in good time — usually the first in our section & sometimes even the first in the building! You can't believe it is true,

I expect.

Am going to Point Cook for the week-end - the first time since being in the flat. Had a note from Brenda & last night in which she says John has just been promoted Squdron-leader. A good cause for celebration.

Wish you could have had some of the rain that fell here this week. It was badly needed, of course, but I personally could have spared some. It just fell gently but solidly for two days & nights, with hardly a let-up. We had as much in that time as generally falls during the whole month.

Do hope you are not wearing yourself out, darling, with the wheat-weighing still to come.

I love you. Eunice.

scrub.

By the way, in case you care my telephone number is — MXY 130 (Albert Park Barracks), Extension 6563. May be handy to have until such time as we get the 'phone here.

I do wish you could see our dear little flat. It really is home now + I have unpacked everything except one small case of summer things + evening shoes, etc., which I have no prospect of wearing.

We have heard of a shorthand coach, + keep insisting that we will ring up, but so far no action. It is too nice at home. We make roast dinner on Sunday + now have a kitchen garden — parsley, mint + chives, in three pots on the back landing. By courtesy of Virginia's middle son.

Miss you + love you all very much

Joan

a shade weary.

Sales on at present. We have again bought very little, but there is still a lot of works to be done.

Mother came down to-day & mended a hole in the pocket of your pants. Will fix the place where the flannel is wearing on the pocket next time.

Went in to see Cousin Ernest on Saturday afternoon. He avowed he was "never better" & said he had no pain at all. I believe Dr. Minchin took a piece of skin from his leg to graft in the ear. I don't know what it was all about, but apparently he had to remove quite a piece from inside his ear. He said then he hoped to be coming out about to-day, but I don't know if he did. He said they treated him very well & he had "too much attention" & plenty to eat. Dear old chap.

Cousin Eva now says she won't come to Perth until she has to — meaning, I suppose, when she feels she can't look after herself any more. It is bitter luck that one so independent should lose her sight.

It is all very vague, but if this new Rent Bill is passed, Mother will almost certainly have to give up SQ, so she might come down here & go away to the East for awhile, with the idea

... bye for now, my dear — I still love you better than anyone else on earth.

Joanee. xxxx oooo. ○

Bracher Collection

6/8/1879.

W. Shakespeare Hall to his sister, Sarah Bracher.

Cossack August 6
1879

My dear Sister

Your Kind letter gave my dear wife, + self the greatest pleasure, + we both thank you for your Kind present, but considering you are not better off (perhaps) than ourselves, we think we cannot in justice to you Keep it, + considering the Christian spirit you have shown in your willingness to help a sister, + brother in need we think it but right (2) to return it to you, you will therefore not take it amiss that we return the amount with very many + sincerest thanks. I shall enclose your P.O. order to the P. Master Fremantle + ask him to fill in another order for £2 —— + send it to you, not omiting to inclose 5/- in stamps, + 3d in postage, by this means you should get it + let me know early if you do —— Had you more ample means I, or we would not scruple to avail ourselves of your Kindness

X (3) I am glad you left Echuca as I did not
Left Echuca think your prospects good enough there. After I wrote you, + when we were getting short of cash (as I lost my boat in the hurricane + got no pearl shell for the whole season, + had two bad seasons before, I got a situation with Mr J[red] Pearse, store-keeper + J.P. at £3 — per week + 10% off all stores I buy there, he + his wife are friends of ours, his father is a church Clergyman, + his wife daughter of John Davis of the Canning.

(4) I inclose an Union One pound note No. F 526205 for George to get me some essence of Ripstons Pippins, + forward per Mail or any other way that will be quick + safe.

We were glad to hear of you, George, Fanny, + family. I hope + pray you may see better times, + we also. You will be glad to hear that my dear wife is a thorough Christian

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Bracher Collection

W. Shakespeare Hall to his Sister, Sarah Bracher.

"Jien Jsin" Harbo
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circa June or July 18

My dear Sister

You have heard ere this that I am in anoth corner of Australia + rather an out of the way one too— I have engaged with Mr J. Willard for 12 months as manager of a new station he has started here, my pay is not very high, with provisions it amounts to about £120 per annum, but I suppose it is quite as much I could get in your part of the world, especially at diggi I should also tell you that if my employer + I suit one anothe so that I continue with him, he will help me to start a ② station for myself, should I be so inclined, of cours that is a consideration, particularly as Mr Willard ha much property, bears a very high character, + is a first r person, either as a man, or a man of business; every one speaks well of him, + respect him ——— We came down together in the "Jien Jsin" [sic] which he loaded with stock, stores, + servents, he treated me as a brothe and as I did my very best for his stock, + interest generally, he told me he was very glad to leave me in charge, + to do for him as I would for myself, + that he was perfectly satisfied with the way in which I had managed affairs coming down; this from one of the smartest, + greatest ③ business men in our Colon made me feel more reconcile[d] to what I may term the life of an exile, which it is + will be till we have a few of the fair sex among us. I hope and tru Mr W[illard] + self may continue as we have commenc + that God will prosper the affairs over which I am plac

I have seven men under me, + shall have more as we require them, we have sheep, cattle, + horse with hogs, dogs + fowels, + twelve months very superi provisions, which I am now moving up the country about 20 miles, where I intend to form the head station, on Gregory's camp 49, Harding River ——— I hope it may turn out as well as I expect, if it does

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AMELIA HALL to SARAH BRACHER. Hall Collection.

To Sarah Bracher from Amelia Hall.

Rushcutters' Bay, Sydney.
20th Feb. 1859.

Your kind letter of the 3rd ult. did not reach me until last night, my dearest Sarah. On leaving Newtown I gave the address of a Friend in Sydney requesting my letters &c might be immediately forwarded, your letter remained 10 days at Newtown! or assuredly it wd. have been answered without delay, for I can truly say of late that you and dear Henry have been even more than usually in my thoughts. I am grieved circumstances continue so trying, but you remember the adage when things get to the worst they must mend. I used frequently to ask myself what the worst could be, for assuredly in all reason they frequently appeared quite bad enough. It will rejoice your kind heart to know circumstances are slightly mending with Aunty and I most sincerely pray your next communications will announce that dear George has found some satisfactory occupation that would with your good management soon put all things right. Do not regret the dear little strangers, God grant it may be a comfort to you. I hope before this reaches you the trial will be over. How I envy you ! in having a glimpse of your dear Brother en passant. I am so provoked at the delay of your letters as I might possibly have posted a letter to him so that he might have received it before leaving for the Swan. Now I have no such hope so shall write to him direct to the Swan by the next mail. I received a very kind letter from him the day I left Newtown wh. only my change of residence and change of occupation with many items well enough to talk over but now worth putting in writing prevented my answering. I am very glad dear H. is going to the Swan because I hope it will be for his happiness to do so. Still I am selfish enough to regret his going to a greater distance without having seen him. Only for that silly Mr Wilson I shd. have been settled at Melbourne four years ago and as I have every reason to believe might have been spared much anxiety. "There by hangs a tale" which must be till we meet. There are no young ones as yet or likely to be in Castlereagh St., provided one or two come during the next six years (as I truly hope they will) your Cousin may think herself very fortunate especially as Herbert is so anxious to make his fortune that he may go to England to see his Mother. He is doing very well notwithstanding the bad times.

I am happy indeed Anderton has made so good a choice - all happiness attend them !! but we know dear Sarah that whether married or single life has its cares. Have you heard from Mrs. Robt. Hester lately? I hope her husband is prospering tolerably. I perhaps ought to tell you what I am about. Why, dear Sarah, I have taken to teaching again and came into this neighbourhood to attend what I had reason to believe wd. be a very nice family - at present all is "couleur de rose" but my habit is to wait a while before giving an opinion. Many trifling difficulties are in my way wh. a little time will remedy. The hours are from

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9 O'clock in the Mong. until 4 pm and till 12 on Saturday. There is a special spread at one O'clock wh. you know Aunty does not occupy herself over much about. The salary is £100 per annum but I value the connection more. I have for some time wished to begin a school but to ensure success connexion is even more than money that I felt I needed if I continue for a time with this family I shall have it. Give my love and a kiss to my dear Nieces. I am sorry not to write to Fanny but Aunty has so bad a head ache that if I omit it she will not think herself forgotten.

Believe me my dear Sarah
Very affectionately yrs
AMELIA HALL.

N B I have recd. 2 letters from yr. dear Father!! When the mail goes I think I shall direct to him at Bunbury.

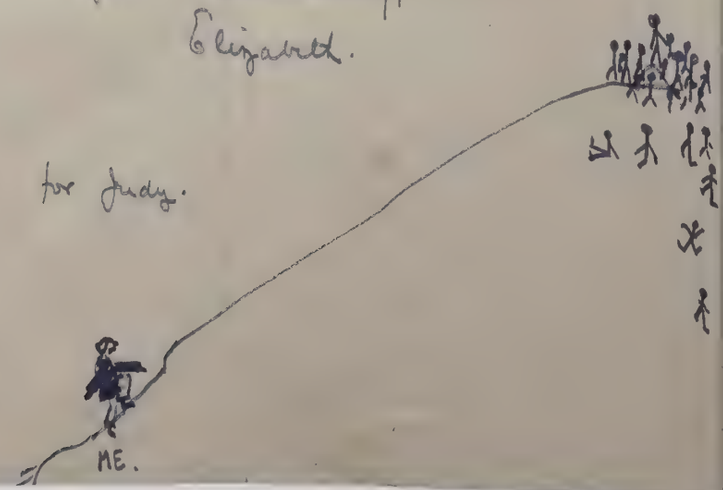
held at the top of Arthurs Seat, an extinct volcano 822 ft high, to greet the Sunrise + summer. My valiant effort to attend went for naught, the failure of the alarm clock making me too late. At 5:45 am I was but half way up to the summit when the earlier birds began their descent. There was'nt even any dew to wash in — an ancient recipe for beauty, — so I'll have to stay plain for at least another year.

Several fires recently have caused a bit of excitement. First the old Theatre Royal (high time too, say many) then a large brewery (this was more serious) and several houses. Only last night the house over the road had three fire vehicles & numerous firemen in attendance.

I have some papers to tie up for you & how so won't write any more now.

Yours affectionately,
Elizabeth.

XXXXXX for Judy.



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E. B. SINCLAIR
8 North Field Crescent
Edinburgh 8
Scotland.

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2, Northfield Crescent,
Edinburgh 8.
2nd. May.
~~28th~~ ~~March~~ 1946.

Dear Margaret,

Two West Australians & a Woman (only paper ones, alas!) arrived this morning. The papers come very regularly now and I do enjoy looking at them. From the long lists of Sits. Vac. I think I shall be able to get a job all right. Was interested in the job, or rather the rate, for a railway porter "14/6 per day for first year ..... plus district allowance .... liberal sick leave provision .... leave three weeks after 12 months service. Our adult Grade 2 Porters start at 88/- per week of 48hrs (this includes War Bonus of 28/-) do not get any pay when off sick, & only this year have been granted two weeks annual leave with pay. When I started in the railway in 1936 a porter's weekly wage was 40/- per week. Don't ask me how they kept women & families! But I mustn't talk shop.

There is a nasty little doubt in my mind regarding the acknowledgement & thanks for that very lovely "birthday" gift. Surely I thanked you before! Anyway, I was delighted with it and the dress is half made. The pattern is something like this ↓ That's a corny sketch. It is really much nicer and has the virtue of being easy to iron. The candy stripe is most attractive. When I tell you that my last cotton dress was bought in 1939 you will know what sheer delight it was to cut into new fresh material. The white stuff was a happy thought. I'm using it to line the pockets & collar & for the belt. Hope you'll like the result when it & I arrive. When that shall be, I can't tell. I wrote to Australia House again but got the familiar reply - no ships. They could not even tell me if I should be travelling this year or next year.

Anne & I took Ron to see "Peter Pan". Has Judith ever seen it? Anne - I used to be thrilled with it when we were little & even now we enjoy it. Of course Ron wants to learn to fly. He was duly impressed by the last bogs, fairies but expressed a regrettable desire to join the pirates. When Captain Hook appeared, Ron called out "Is that Johnnie Cope?" & broke into song "Hi Johnnie Cope are ye wauken' yet" — one of the Jacobite songs our John has taught him. His small ears miss nothing. John has a bit of a bomb & Ron asked "Is that a 'tomic bomb?"

My May Day intentions were better than my alarm clock. There is always a service

You were only attached
For a very short time
And it's not very easy
To write you a rhyme.
But I liked Rowing you
And I still hear your voice
And of my three boon mates
You were the most choice
One was too ordinary
With no personality.
And one is so rude
And has no versatility
You laughed at my nonsense
And made me at home
And now that you've gone
I feel all alone
I muse round the barracks
And talk to the cooks
I fling open windows
And get dirty looks
But there's no one to play with
And I hate Training Group
Inspecting the Greased Traps
And Tasting the Soup
The cat has had kittens
I had 5 dreams last night
I left only one of them safe indoors

we don't talk about it more than we need. In the afternoon trailed off to see 'This Happy Breed', & it was so good that we were quite cheered up. It is Noel Coward's latest production - he is quite British, especially since his American rebuff. It was excellent, & absolutely not to be missed. It is the story of a very ordinary English family from 1918 to 1939, most beautifully done, & not a syllable that couldn't have been taken from the lives of any ordinary family. We went to bed quite early & read, & this morning, at about 10-30, when on the point of getting up, decided to try out some patent face-pack we procured a while ago. It put mine on with such enthusiasm, that when it dried

The family have gone on holiday to Dunbar a very pleasant seaside resort about 40 miles away. I'm "batching" and enjoying it thoroughly despite ration difficulties. Our hens do their duty nobly and I am growing quite attached to them tho' their enthusiastic clamours is not, I fear, for myself alone, but for the food part I carry to them.

There has been no further word from Australia House but people are trickling over and my turn will come. I am looking forward so much to seeing you all.

Give my love to the family,

Yours affectionately,

Elizabeth.

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E. B. Sinclair

2 Northfield Crescent

Edinburgh 8.

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2, Northfield Crescent,
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3rd. July, 1946.

Dear Joan,

I don't know how to start and thank you. The parcel was a complete surprise as I am afraid Margaret's last letter must have gone astray - several letters have done so recently. For years I've hankered after a lemon suit but our coupon yields so few days that might call for one, that the expenditure of coupons was not justified. I even enquired after a second hand one advertised in our local paper recently but the owner wanted £1 for it, more than it was worth. The colour is lovely - just what I should have chosen and, stranger still, the fit is really perfect. Am now keeping my eyes skinned for a large shady hat (unobtainable here) and some matching ribbon so that if you recognise the above apparel on a ship sailing into Fremantle one day, have a shot at identifying the wearer. I am really thrilled with it, our wartime clothes have had to be so practical and always mindful of winter cold that this "extra" made me want to sing. Our Australian parcels have made such a difference that, looking back, they shine like little candles on gloomy days. The thoughtfulness and kindness that prompt them make us feel warm and comfortable inside, and we do thank you all most sincerely.

The royal family have been in Edinburgh this week and the city has been celebrating. On Friday 2,999 Red Cross personnel, and I, took part in a parade which was rather fun. A high wind blew down our dressing tent and we had to cope with starched caps and aprons outside. Later, we had tea in the gardens of Holyroodhouse and the Queen mingled with the girls and spoke to many of them. She is very charming and so overcame one country bred V.A.D. that the lass could only blurt out "My, it's graund tae see ye!" Princess Elizabeth danced until 4.0 am in one of the city dancehalls. She and her sister had an afternoon at the "pictures", & the King & Princess Margaret had a unofficial jaunt to the Zoo, just as thousands of ordinary families do every year.

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BRISTOL HOUSE,
312-314 MURRAY STREET,
PERTH,
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

MH/RS

15th. April, 1925.

H.A. Hall, Esq.,

ROEBOURNE. W.A.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 27th. March.

BARK:- We apologise for not having written you sooner in this matter. We submitted this Bark to oversea friends, but unfortunately with no encouraging results, and therefore we can do nothing with this line.

SANDALWOOD.:- We understand that Sandalwood grown in the Northern parts of Australia is unsuitable for extraction owing to the presence of excessive quantities of resinous matter. We know that Braddocks, Oil Extractors of Perth, recently bought Sandalwood from the Carnarvon district, which was found to be unsuitable , and substitution of Sandalwood from the Goldfields areas took place to remedy the difficulty.

Now regarding the pulling of Sandalwood for export to China. No doubt you are aware that the pulling of Sandalwood from the Crown Lands in the North West is prohibited excepting under special license. We understand no licenses are being given at the present time for that purpose, and we suggest that you get in touch with the Conservator of Forests on that point. He will give you all information.

Yours faithfully,
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20th March, 1941.

Madam,

Answering your letter of the 13th instant, regarding the return portion of first-class holiday excursion ticket, Southern Cross-Perth, in favour of your husband, I have to advise that if you will kindly let me know the date Mr. Hall will be able to return to Southern Cross, the availability of the ticket will be extended without charge.

Yours faithfully,

L. J. Hickey

COMMERCIAL AGENT.

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